**Statement**

*Month-end retail prices of pulses at Delhi during the last three years—ending June, 1995*

(Rs. per kg.)

| Commodity | RETAIL PRICES | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June, 1992 | June, 1993 | June, 1994 | June, 1995 |
| SUPER BAZAR | | | | |
| Gram dal.. | 9.40 | 13.10 | 14.90 | 11.50 |
| Arhar dal | 14.55 | 14.40 | 16.45 | 28.45 |
| Moong dal | 16.30 | 15.50 | 14.95 | 18.70 |
| Masoor dal | 10.65 | 10.55 | 13.50 | 16.15 |
| Urad dal | 11.70 | 10.95 | 15.10 | 26.45 |
| KENDRIYA BHANDAR | | | | |
| Gram dal | 8.70 | 13.00 | 14.10 | 11.40 |
| Arhar | 14.40 | 14.00 | 16.50 | 28.10 |
| Moong dal | 16.30 | 14.40 | 14.10 | 18.60 |
| Masoor dal | 10.20 | 10.20 | 12.10 | 16.10 |
| Urad dal | 12.55 | 11.60 | 14.30 | 26.40 |
| OPEN MARKET | | | | |
| Gram dal | 10.00 | 11.50 | 16.00 | 14.00 |
| Arhar dal | 15.00 | 16.00 | 17.00 | 29.00 |
| Moong dal | 18.00 | 17.50 | 18.00 | 22.00 |
| Masoor dal | 12.00 | 12.00 | 16.00 | 18.00 |
| Urad dal | 15.00 | 13.00 | 18.00 | 38.00 |

Source: Super Bazar, Kendriya Bhandar and Dte. of Economics and Statistics Ministry of Agriculture.

**Issues related to import of sugar**

*14. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in Statesman of June 15, 1995 under caption, "Sugar Imports";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) what is the quantity and value of sugar proposed to be imported during 1995-96; details of tenders floated, bids received and contracts accepted and the role of Cabinet Committee on Prices (CCP), STC, MMTC in this regard; and

(d) whether Government have examined the position in the light of the recommendations made by the Gian Prakash Committee and if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Gian Prakash Committee has laid emphasis on monitoring of shortage situations. A Group of Ministers monitors the prices and availability of essential commidities and based on its assessment, gives directions to the concerned Ministries/Departments to take suitable action for maintaining reasonable

level of prices of specified essential commodities in the market. Accordingly, in the early part of the current (1994-95) sugar season, when firm production trends were not available, the Ministry of Commerce was asked to direct STC and MMTC to enter into forward contracts for import of about 5 lakh tonnes of sugar. The decision was reviewed from time to time in the light of the domestic production. STC and MMTC in pursuance of the above decision had entered into forward contracts for about 4.09 lakh tonnes of sugar, details of which are given in Statement I, II and III. (*see* below) Subsequently on the basis of more up-to-date figures of sugar production and availability, STC/MMTC were advised to dispose of as much of the contracted sugar as possible in international market at the best possible price. In pursuance of this, STC/MMTC have reported that they have been able to reduce the contracted quantity to 2.91 lakh tonnes.

**Statement-I**

The details of the bids received as communicated by STC and MMTC are as under:—

| Agency | Date of tendering | Total bid received |
|---|---|---|
| STC | 9.1.1995 | 18 |
| | 19.1.1995 | 21 |
| | 30.1.1995 | 19 |
| | 15.1.1995 | 11 |
| MMTC | 9.1.1995 | 18 |
| | 19.1.1995 | 21 |

**Statement-II**

STATE TRADING CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.

*Details of purchases finalised are given below:*

| S. NO. | DATE OF PURCHASE | SUPPLIER | QTY. (MT)+10% | PRICE US $ PMT C & FFO |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| JULY'95 ARRIVAL: | | | | |
| 1. | 30.01.95 | Cargill | 13,000 | 422.97 |
| 2. | 30.01.95 | Metelmann | 13,000 | 422.90 |
| 3. | 30.01.95 | Metelmann | 13,000 | 422.90 |
| 4. | 06.02.95 | Metelmann | 13,000 | 422.90 |
| | | Total: | 52,000 | |
| SEPT.'95 ARRIVAL: | | | | |
| 5. | 06.02.95 | Phibro | 13,000 | 418.40 |
| 6. | 06.02.95 | Phibro | 13,000 | 418.40 |
| 7. | 06.02.95 | Phibro | 13,000 | 418.40 |
| 8. | 30.01.95 | Sucden | 13,000 | 416.50 |
| 9. | 30.01.95 | Sucden | 13,000 | 416.50 |
| 10. | 30.01.95 | Cargill | 13,000 | 414.50 |
| 11. | 30.01.95 | Louis Dreyfus | 13,000 | 414.50 |
| 12. | 30.01.95 | Louis Dreyfus | 13,000 | 414.50 |
| 13. | 30.01.95 | Gill & Duffus | 13,000 | 415.00 |
| 14. | 30.01.95 | Phibro | 13,000 | 416.50 |
| | | | 1,30,000 | |
| | | Grand Total: | 1,82,000 | |

**Statement-III**

*Details of sugar contracted by MMTC Limited*

| SL. NO. | DATE OF CONTRACT | QUANTITY CONTRACTED (IN MT) | SUPPLIER | PRICE IN US $/ MT (C&F FO) | ORIGIN | SHIPMENT SCHEDULE | EXPECTED ARRIVAL PERIOD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 19.1.95 | 26000 | LOUIS DRYFUS SUGAR | 428.25 | BRAZIL | JUNE/ 15 JULY | AUGUST 95. |
| 2. | 19.1.95 | 42000 | CARGILL | 428.25 | BRAZIL | JUNE/ 22 JULY | AUGUST 95. |
| 3. | 20.1.95 | 82000 | MTPL | 425.40 | BRAZIL | 15 JULY/ AUGUST | SEPT'95 |
| 4. | 23.1.95 | 52000 | MTPL | 438.50 | BRAZIL | AUGUST | SEPT' 95. |
| 5. | 23.1.95 | 25000 | MTPL | 457.72 | THAILAND | JUNE'95 | JULY' 95. |
| | Total: | 227000 | | | | | |

**Implementation of MPs' local area development scheme**

15. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the very slow pace at which the agencies are working at the local level in the implementation of MPs' Local Area Development Scheme;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure that the agencies work at a faster pace; and

(c) what monitoring mechanism is being evolved to oversee the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) Of late, complaints have been coming about slow progress of implementation of MPLADS. On receipt of such complaints, matter is taken up with the concerned District Collector to improve implementation.

(c) For monitoring the progress of schemes, a monitoring format has been devised, copies of which have been sent to the Collectors and the Hon'ble Members of Parliament. Information on each scheme is to be fed by the Collector to be retrieved centrally through NICNET Government will carry out periodic reviews of such consolidated information.